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***GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AWARDS \$6.3 MILLION IN GRANTS  
Grants Go Toward Substance Abuse Prevention in Local Communities***

PHOENIX – The Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families, Division for Substance Abuse Policy has awarded grants totaling more than \$6,300,000 over five years to local community coalitions across Arizona, with the purpose of establishing infrastructure to address underage drinking and youth illicit drug use.

"These grants are critical in enabling communities to effectively combat the effects of substance abuse," said Governor Janet Napolitano. "This award will allow communities to build the capacity necessary to prevent substance abuse and save the lives of our children, youth and families."

Grant recipients will organize broad-based community coalitions that will analyze the scope of substance abuse problems in their areas. Additionally, coalitions will research current resources targeting these problems. With this critical information, communities will develop strategies to reduce and prevent the impact of substance abuse in their communities.

The following programs were awarded grants:

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| • Youth Count                             | Yavapai County                           |
| • Southeastern Behavioral Health Services | Cochise, Graham, and Santa Cruz Counties |
| • Compass Health Care Corp.               | Pima County                              |
| • Chicanos Por La Causa                   | Maricopa County                          |
| • Terros                                  | Maricopa County                          |
| • Arizona Youth Partnership               | Gila County                              |
| • Pinal Hispanic Council                  | Pinal County                             |
| • Williams Alliance Against Drug Abuse    | Coconino County                          |
| • Citizens Against Substance Abuse        | Coconino County                          |
| • Gila River Health Care Corp.            | Gila River Indian Community              |

Funding for the Strategic Prevention Framework in Arizona is established through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. Funds are provided directly to state, territories and the District of Columbia to implement comprehensive statewide substance abuse prevention plans.